



PETERSBURG BOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATE #8

Face Coverings

In order to limit the transmission of COVID-19 in society, both the CDC and the Alaska DHSS (Health Alert #010) recommend the wearing of face coverings in public settings where other physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Accordingly, due to this ongoing public health emergency, the rising number of COVID-19 cases in Alaska and the higher prevalence and occurrence of COVID-19 cases in Petersburg, it is in the best interest of the safety and health of Petersburg that these recommendations be followed and that face coverings be worn in certain settings. The conditions of this Directive are designed to provide the least necessary restrictions.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF PETERSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 3.72, THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY HEREBY ORDERS:

Except as provided herein, all persons are required to wear a mask or some form of covering over their nose and mouth, such as a medical style mask, homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief, (1) when inside any building open to the public or any building not open to the public when present for work purposes and physical distancing of at least 6 feet from co-workers cannot be maintained, and (2) when outside of any building in situations where physical distancing of at least 6 feet from non-household members cannot be maintained, including without limitation, parking lots of buildings open to the public and Borough Harbor docks and floats. Masks and face coverings should not contain holes or visible gaps in the design or materials.

This Directive does not apply to:

1. Children under the age of two (2) years;
2. Any person with chronic pulmonary or breathing conditions or any person who is communicating with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing, such that wearing a mask or face covering is not possible. Such persons are encouraged to wear a face shield if available and feasible;
3. Any person who is incarcerated, in police custody, or inside a courtroom. Such persons are directed to follow the orders specific to their location;
4. Any person who temporarily removes their mask or face covering to eat or drink;
5. The premises of either the Petersburg School District (PSD) or the Petersburg Medical Center (PMC). Persons are directed to follow COVID-19 rules and directives issued by either PSD or PMC when on premises;
6. The offices of health care professionals when removal of a mask or face covering is necessary to the performance of testing or procedures; and
7. Daycare facilities, which are directed to follow the State of Alaska Reopening Alaska Responsibly Plan, Phase III/IV, Detailed Guidance for Businesses/Childcare Facilities.

Businesses are permitted to institute more restrictive measures than set out herein for their individual premises, provided that such measures are consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable law.

Effective Date and Duration. This Order shall be effective at 8:00 a.m. on November 17, 2020 and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Borough Assembly.

Effective Area. This Order is applicable borough-wide.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on November 16, 2020.

Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk